

## REMARKS

### ***General Remarks***

Claims 2-5, 7, 9-12, and 14 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 8, 13, and 15-21 are cancelled.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2-5, 7, and 9-11 are allowed. Claims 13-14 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim 12, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Assignee has amended claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 13, now cancelled, and has amended claim 14 to depend from claim 12. With these amendments, Assignee respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims 2-5, 7, 9-12, and 14 in the next paper from the Office.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103***

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Segal et al. in view of US 6,650,620 (Neogi). Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 13, making the rejection thereto as moot.

### ***Conclusion***

Reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is respectfully requested. If, after considering this reply, the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be beneficial towards advancing this case to allowance, the examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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